

# SHPO NEWS

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## MICHIGAN MAIN STREET/COOL CITIES

- These next few months look to be exciting for Michigan's Main Street communities.

For starters, the four newest communities have been holding their design workshops. Howell kicked things off on October 18, Midland held theirs on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Grand Haven hosted their design workshop on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Ishpeming will meet on November 8.

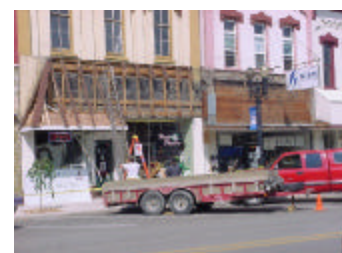
These design workshops are a great opportunity for Main Street merchants to see the possibilities for transforming their downtowns.

- Also this month, downtown Howell will experience the *Legend of Sleepy Howell*. Check their [website](#) for more details!

- On October 31, downtown Grand Haven will be overrun by hordes of little ghosts and goblins trying to satisfy their sweet tooth! Visit the downtown Grand Haven [website](#) for further info.

Likewise, downtown Clare gives you "Something to Howl About" on October 29 with their *Main Street Spook-tacular*. Click [here](#) for more info.

- Just in case you thought the rookies were having all of the fun this month, [Portland](#), our savvy Main Street veteran, is in mid stride of its façade improvements. Check out the pics of the action in progress.



## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

- Since we last met, there have been a bunch of National Register listings. So grab a pen and a pad and make note of these for your future travel plans!

**BENZIE COUNTY**  
Frankfort North Breakwater Light  
Frankfort vicinity  
Listed: 9/06/05

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY**  
Fourteen Foot Shoal Light Station

Cheboygan vicinity  
Listed: 7/27/05

Poe Reef Light Station  
Benton Township vicinity  
Listed: 9/06/05

Spectacle Reef Light Station  
Benton Township vicinity  
Listed: 7/27/05

**DELTA COUNTY**  
Poverty Island Light Station  
Fairbanks Township vicinity  
Listed: 9/06/05

**LEELANAU COUNTY**  
North Manitou Shoal Light Station  
Leland Township vicinity  
Listed: 9/06/05

**MACKINAC COUNTY**  
Martin Reef Light Station  
Clark Township vicinity  
Listed: 7/27/05

Lansing Shoals Light Station  
Newton Township vicinity  
Listed: 9/06/05



### MASON COUNTY

Ludington North Breakwater Light  
Ludington vicinity  
Listed: 9/06/05

### MENOMINEE COUNTY

Menominee Pierhead Light Station  
Menominee vicinity  
Listed: 7/27/05

### OAKLAND COUNTY

Franklin Historic District  
Franklin  
Listed: 7/27/05

### ONTONAGON COUNTY

Bergland Administrative Site M-28

Bergland

Listed: 7/09/05

### WAYNE COUNTY

Alger Theater  
16451 East Warren Avenue  
Detroit  
Listed: 7/22/05

Barlum Tower  
65 Cadillac Square  
Detroit  
Listed: 7/27/05

Schmidt, Carl E. and Alice Candler, House  
301 Lake Shore Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms  
Listed: 8/24/05

### SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY

Manistique East Breakwater Light  
Manistique vicinity  
Listed: 9/06/05

- Keep in mind that these are just a few of the thousands of historic sites in Michigan, many of which you can find using Historic Sites Online, the SHPO's searchable online database of National Historic Landmark, National Register, State Register, and Michigan Historical Marker sites. You can click [here](#) to begin your search.

## MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKERS

On Saturday, October 22, the Michigan Historical Marker program celebrates its Golden Anniversary. As part of the celebration, we shall regale you with some marker trivia!

- Over 1,500 historical markers have been erected throughout Michigan since the marker program began in 1955. That's averaging more than 30 new markers every year!
- Six of these markers are located somewhere other than Michigan. The furthest being over 4,000 miles away in [St. Nicolas-de-la-Grave](#), France.
- The very first historical marker was erected on the campus of Michigan State University on October 22, 1955.
- There have been five marker program coordinators since the program began.

- At its September meeting, the Michigan Historical Commission approved seven new markers including one about hockey, one about highways, and one about a hero.

Professional ice hockey dates from 1904 when Houghton businessman James Dee and Houghton dentist John Gibson formed the International Hockey League.

If you'd like to brush up on your hockey history (yes, they are playing again!) click [here](#), eh?!

The [Michigan Department of Transportation](#) is celebrating its centennial this year. The historical marker, which will be dedicated on November 18, will highlight the origins and achievements of the "State Highway Department" and tell the story of Horatio "Good Roads" Earle, the first state highway commissioner.

Joseph W. Guyton of [Ewart](#), of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Red Arrow Division, was the first American soldier to die on German soil during World War I. A marker telling of the circumstances of his service and death as well as the honors he received will be erected in Ewart's Guyton Park.

The other historical markers that were approved include:

- The Duck Lake School
- Fractional District No. 3 School
- Stoney Creek School
- Port Huron Public Library
- As the holidays approach, *Traveling Through Time* makes a great gift. It is entertaining and educational, and may just reveal some interesting history that is right in your own backyard – or maybe your neighbor's – but we recommend getting permission before you check those out!





## HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS

- As a friendly reminder we want to point out that 2005 Historic Preservation State Tax Credit applications should be submitted by November 15 for a 2005 certification. Submission by this date allows for the 45-day review period and certification by December 31. If you have questions regarding your application, please feel free to contact the SHPO at 517.373.1630, or via [email](#).
- Rosaana Pardo and her son

Camilo are in the process of restoring the Art Deco building at 2944 Woodward Avenue in Detroit in the Brush Park Historic District.

To date, the restoration has included cleaning the stone upper façade, cleaning and replacing stainless steel façade panels, installing new storefronts, new steel windows, new glass spandrel panels, and refinishing the enameled metal panels.

Once the rehabilitation is complete, the 1919 building will have both residential and commercial space.

This project is sure to be featured in an upcoming SHPO Case Study, but in the meantime, a few photos that will give you a sense of the work being done by Rosaana and Camilo are at left.



- The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is making waves again!

On September 20, Governor Granholm and Department of History, Arts and Libraries director Dr. William Anderson announced that the marine sanctuary has been made a permanent fixture in Alpena!

For those who aren't familiar with Alpena, the marine sanctuary is part of the \$30 million rehabilitation of the Fletcher Paper Mill, which will house a hotel, conference center, brewpub, and various retail shops in addition to the marine sanctuary and its research facilities.

As Dr. Anderson stated, "What started as an effort to protect and preserve a critical chapter in Great Lakes shipping history has turned into a tidal wave of incredible economic, educational and partnership opportunities."

In other maritime news, on June 10, the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee recommended the creation of Maritime Protected Areas. The establishment of MPAs would serve a dual purpose. They would "...enhance effective stewardship, lasting protection, and sustainable use of the nation's natural and cultural marine resources," and they would serve as "...an important tool in the effort to produce benefits for the environment and the economy."

- October 1 kicked off this year's Archaeology Month. All across the state archaeology enthusiasts joined the Office of the State Archaeologist for a month-long series of events that highlights the work and findings of the state's archaeologists.

Things got started with Michigan Archaeology Day, held at the Michigan

Historical Center on October 1. Over 200 people from around the state talked with archaeologists, tried their hand at flint-knapping, and took a turn tossing an atlatl. Graduate students from Michigan State University exhibited artifacts found at the site of Saints Rest, the first dormitory on campus. Most events have wrapped up for this year, but archaeology is interesting year-round. Archaeology Month is always held in the fall, so check the OSA website for details next year.

The Office of the State Archaeologist encourages you to get involved with your local chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society (MAS). You can visit the [MAS website](#) for more information!

Stayed tuned for further developments and discoveries!





## CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

• The SHPO is pleased to announce that the FY2006 CLG Grant Manuals will be available on the SHPO [website](#) by October 24. Grant applications will then be due (postmarked) no later than December 1, 2005.

Please note that, like last year, there will be two manuals available again this year. One for planning projects, and one for restoration projects.

As always, we're never more than a phone call or keystroke away if you have questions or need help.

If you would like to get an idea of what kind of projects the SHPO funds, take a look at the Recent Grants section of our CLG [webpage](#). Here you will find funded projects from 2003 to present.

For more information on the CLG program, and how your local government can obtain CLG status, click [here](#). Under the Certified Local Government section, you will find a link titled "[Michigan's Certified Local Government Program: A Manual on How to Become Certified](#)." There, you will be able to download the CLG manual.

## MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

• Great news for lighthouse preservation! On September 30, Governor Granholm signed HB 4963 (PA 152 of 2005), removing the sunset date for specialty auto license plates, including HAL's lighthouse license plate. The Save Our Lights license plates will continue to generate funds for lighthouse preservation for the indefinite future.

Proceeds from the sale of the SOL plates support the

Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program, which provides grants for lighthouse restoration projects.

If you don't have a lighthouse license plate and would like to know how to get one, you can click [here](#), and you'll be taken to the Secretary of State's website.

If your organization would like some lighthouse license plate lure cards (seen on the right) to distribute, please

contact us by [email](#), or by telephone at 517.373.1630, let us know how many you would like, and we will send them to you.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS

• On Friday, October 21, and Friday, November 11, the Michigan Lighthouse Fund, a nonprofit group dedicated to raising funds to assist lighthouse groups, will host two fundraising workshops designed to help you understand the best practices of effective fundraising.

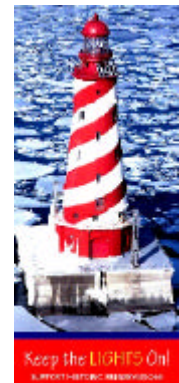
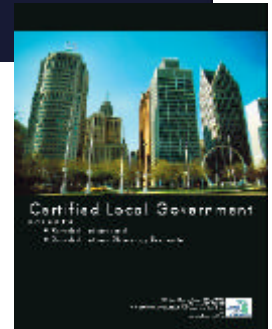
Both workshops will be led by best-selling author Joan

Flanagan (*The Grass Roots Fundraising Book* and *Successful Fundraising*).

In addition to her publications, Joan has worked extensively with the National Trust, diverse philanthropic, arts, and historic preservation organizations, as well as lecturing at various universities.

The workshops will focus on Michigan Lighthouses and other maritime resources, but it could be a useful conference for landlubbers as well!

For more information, and registration forms, visit the Michigan Lighthouse Fund [website](#), or email Jennifer Radcliff at [jradcliffpreserv@aol.com](mailto:jradcliffpreserv@aol.com).



Joan Flanagan



• In other news, *SHPO News* will be undergoing a few changes once the new year begins.

First, we will be switching to either a bi-monthly, or quarterly, format. This will mean you'll receive a bigger issue, but it also means you'll have more time to read it!

Secondly, the format may change a little bit as we test out some new software, but fear not devoted reader, any changes made won't be too severe, and the content will remain virtually untouched.

Speaking of which, the staff at SHPO News is interested in your thoughts and opinions regarding this publication. We want to know what you think. What would make this more interesting for you? What would you like more of? What would you like less of?

Share your thoughts and

opinions with us by emailing [preservation@michigan.gov](mailto:preservation@michigan.gov).

Some of you will probably rejoice at this next bit of news. The daily MISHPO [listserv](#) email barrage from our beloved SHPO staffer, Todd Walsh, will be taking a new course as well. Instead of sending out daily emails, he will send out a weekly summary email. It will contain the headlines and links to the respective stories. Hopefully this will provide less inbox clutter, and a more organized format for presenting preservation news from around the state.

• Don't forget to mark your calendar and send in your reservation for MCACA's "The Art of Cool: Linking Culture, Community and the Economy."

Featured speakers will include author, futurist, and strategist Andrew Zoll, Glenn Murray,

and Department of History, Arts and Libraries director Dr. William Anderson.

This year's conference will be held on December 8, 2005, at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing, and will feature several sessions regarding the restoration of historic properties. You can find out more about the conference by visiting this [website](#).

• Be sure to save the date for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's Spring Conference.

This year's conference, entitled *Preservation in the Real World: The Realities of Rural and Urban Preservation*, will be held April 20 to 23 in Saginaw.

Log on to the Network's [website](#) for more information!

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CITY

### GRAYLING

Who is Jean Agassiz and what is Grayling's connection to Harvard?

Well, Agassiz, was a professor of natural history at Harvard, and one legend has it that it was he who provided the name for the specie of trout that makes its home in the Au Sable River. City leaders took that name when

Grayling was incorporated as a city in 1935.

In addition to being a great place for outdoor activities, Grayling is also home to several state and national register historic sites, including the Michigan Historical Center operated [Hartwick Pines Logging Museum](#), and is just a few miles away from the [Civilian Conservation Corps Museum](#)

in North Higgins Lake State Park, as well as [Wellington Farm Park](#).

You can find out more about "The heart of the north" by clicking [here](#), or [here](#).

## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED WEBSITE

This month's featured website is not only educational, but fun too! Be prepared to spend some time here, there's lots to see!

### WATER WINTER WONDERLAND

<http://www.waterwinterwonderland.com/default.asp>

What's happening in your community? If something interesting is going on in your town, drop us a line at [preservation@michigan.gov](mailto:preservation@michigan.gov) (Be sure to put SHPO News in the subject line!)



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